

CEREMONY PURELY AN AMERICAN ONE

Through Lapse of Years Inauguration Custom Has Remained Unchanged

CEREMONIES FROM WASHINGTON TO TAFT

First President, to a Large Extent, Devised the Plan of Inauguration, Which Continues to Be Carried Out in a Thoroughly Democratic Spirit.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 27.—History will again repeat itself next Thursday, when William Howard Taft bows his head over the Holy Bible and takes the solemn obligation which shall make him, for a stated period, the Chief Magistrate of the United States.

The ceremony of the induction of a President into office is distinctly American. Conceived in the minds and hearts of the nation's fathers, while they yet were in the throes of a great revolution, it is grand in its motive—sublime in its simplicity. Through the lapse of years, since the establishment of the American government, substantially no change has been made in the ceremonial form, although elaborate and beautiful accompaniments, in recent years, have become notable features of the most important of American functions.

In the time of Taft, as in the time of Washington, the spectacle bears the same simple impressiveness. Here no emperor, or king, or dictator, arrogating to himself, "through the law of succession or monarchical expediency," the powers of government; but the creature of a willing, enthusiastic and homogeneous people taking upon himself, through the expression of his peers, the responsibility of carrying out their mandates and directing the execution of their will. Yesterday he was one of 100,000,000 people; to-day, yet one of the people, but chosen for a brief time to direct their destinies and protect and defend their rights.

It was Washington who, to a large extent, devised the plan of a President's inauguration. In this respect, as in others, his work has stood the test of time. It will endure, for so long as the American people live in its original form, a beautiful and impressive simplicity. The inauguration of Washington was a simple ceremony. He was inducted into office at New York. At the time of notification of his election, he was residing at his beautiful country home, Mount Vernon. He proceeded to the city by stagecoach, and on the morning of his journey was a triumphal march. No such scene of enthusiasm ever had been witnessed in this country as attended his progress. The country people gave him hearty greeting by the roadside. The first President was escorted by a detachment of the army, and had decorated the streets and buildings elaborately, and he rode on a splendid milk-white charger beneath triumphal arches; and in towns and hamlets farther east his pathway was strewn with flowers by women and children.

Details of the ceremony attendant upon the administration of the oath of office were worked out after his arrival in New York. It took place in the old Federal Building, which then was the seat of the Congress, and the oath was administered by Chancellor Livingston. The first President was waited upon by committees of the House and Senate at his temporary abiding place and an escort of regular United States troops accompanied him to the "Capitol."

He was driven in a handsome coach, and as he had no predecessor, he was alone in the carriage. When the announcement was made formally that Washington had taken the obligation which made him the first President of the United States, the multitude waiting outside the building gave itself up to an enthusiastic demonstration. Speeches were delivered and patriotic songs were sung, and that night there was a display of fireworks.

Philadelphia Inaugurations.—The second inauguration in Washington took place in Philadelphia. While the ceremony was more elaborate in its accompaniments than the first had been, it remained, as always, in its essential form, simple and impressive. Washington was escorted to the Capitol in a handsome coach drawn by six white horses. His attire was notably elegant, being of black velvet, with diamond-studded buckles, silk hose and cocked hat. Four years later John Adams was inaugurated as President also in Philadelphia. Apprehension had been expressed that the young government would be unable to withstand the strain of a change of Presidents, but the result was a superb vindication of the wisdom of the fathers. Washington passed the reins of government to his successor with the same patriotic grace and willingness and wisdom that had characterized his every public action.

The real test of the government's institutions came four years later, when Thomas Jefferson became President. He was not elected by the people, but by the House of Representatives. The election had resulted in a tie, and the House of Representatives exercised its constitutional prerogative of choosing the President. The contest in the House was very bitter; but again the nation withstood the strain magnificently.

First Inauguration in Washington.—The Sage of Monticello, as Jefferson was affectionately termed, was the first President to be inaugurated in Washington, the seat of government again having been changed. Accom-

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Arrangements Are About Completed for the Greatest Inauguration in the History of the United States

Capital City Is Donning Its Festive Dress for the Occasion.

GREAT MILITARY PAGEANT

Will Be Reviewed by President from the Beautiful Court of Honor.

WASHINGTON, February 27.—Chairman Stillwagon, of the inaugural committee, and his lieutenants have about completed their arrangements for the Taft-Sherman inauguration. The capital city of the nation is donning its festive dress. From Georgetown to Lincoln Park in one direction, and the Potomac River to Chevy Chase in another, the town is being decorated. From the Department of War to the Library of Congress at intervals on Pennsylvania Avenue stands for spectators have been erected. It is estimated that about 50,000 people will occupy seats in grandstands and windows along the avenue to witness the grand inaugural parade. Every effort is being made to make the 1909 inauguration the greatest in the history of the country.

The program of the 4th of March begins at the Senate chamber at 11 o'clock, when the doors will be opened for those entitled to reserve seats on the floor. Members of the House and the House clerks will enter the Senate at the south door. Ambassadors and ministers of foreign countries, presented with cards of admission by the Secretary of State, will assemble in the Senate marble room until they are requested to enter the chamber.

At 11:45 the Supreme Court, preceded by its officers, will arrive in a body and be announced.

Inauguration Ceremonies.

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The Vice-President-elect is sworn in before the President-elect. He takes the oath of office just before the adjournment of the Senate. After prayer by the chaplain, Rev. Edward Everett Hale, the Vice-President will deliver his address and administer the oath of office to the Senators-elect. After the Senate is organized those in the chamber will proceed through the rotunda to the platform on the center portico of the east side of the Capitol in the following order: The sergeants-at-arms of the Senate and House, the marshals of the District of Columbia and the Supreme Court, the justices of the Supreme Court, the committee of arrangements, the President and the President-elect, ambassadors to the United States, ministers plenipotentiary, ex-Vice-Presidents, the Vice-President and the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate of the United States and ex-Senators, the Speaker and the House of Representatives, setting members, members-elect and officers of the House of Representatives, heads of the executive departments, Governors of States and Territories, the admiral of the navy and his staff, the chief of the staff of the army and his aide, officers of the army and navy, who, by name, have received the thanks of Congress, and all other persons who have been admitted to the floor of the Senate, followed by those who have been admitted to the galleries.

When all are assembled, the oath of office will be administered to the President-elect by the Chief Justice of the United States. The President will then deliver his inaugural address. This concluded, the Senators, headed by the Sergeant-at-Arms, the Vice-President and the Secretary of Senate, will return to the Senate chamber, and the President, accompanied by the committee of arrangements, composed of the following named: Senators Philander Chase Knox, Taft and Sherman will be escorted to the President's room at the Senate

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its distinctive uniform of gray, very similar to that worn by the young soldiers from the West Point Academy, Maryland, will be represented by a full brigade, including the noted Fifth Regiment, of Baltimore. There will be a regiment from Virginia and the historic Richmond Light Infantry Blues, whose record dates back many years, covering several wars, including the civil conflict and the scrap with Spain. There will also be military bodies from Georgia, including the Richmond Hussars, a cavalry command of Augusta; infantry from Florida and guardsmen from Mississippi and other points in the South.

Following the military division will come the civic organizations, including more than 100 clubs and political associations, many of them in fancy and unique uniforms. The personal escort of Chairman Thomas P. Morgan, of the civic organizations committee, will be the American Club, of Pittsburgh. In this division will be the famous Pickens Band, composed of colored orphans from South Carolina. And there will be camps of Confederate veterans, wearing their old-time war-worn jackets and carrying shot-riddled flags.

The forenoon parade, preceding the big pageant, will be composed of veteran soldiers and sailors of the G. A. R., the United Spanish War Veterans, and the Army and Navy Union, acting as escort of honor to President and Vice-President-elect from the White House to the Capitol, where both will take the oath of office. The Sons of Union Veterans will have the left of line of the escort division.

The parade will take at least three hours to pass a given point, and probably longer. Unique features will be the rule among the civic organizations. The Sherman Scouts, of Utica, N. Y., the Vice-President-elect's home town, will carry at the head of their line a big oil painting of Mr. Sherman and a gaily decorated billy goat will be their mascot.

The Court of Honor.

For many years it has been the custom of the newly elected President to review the parade from a court of honor, extending from Fifteenth to Seventeenth Streets on Pennsylvania Avenue. This year a special effort is being exerted to make this the most picturesque feature of the occasion. The work of decorating this court has been turned over to real artists. From Fifteenth to Seventeenth Streets is about 1,500 feet, and the avenue between these points is intersected by two cross streets—Madison Place on the east of the axis of the White House, and Jackson Place on the west. Directly on the axis of the White House, and in front of it, is the President's house, and in front of it, the four corners of the National Guard of the Keystone State; the New York division of guardsmen, headed by Governor Hughes, and including the famous Seventh Regiment of New York City, in

each street intersection have stretched between them and diagonally at a height of forty feet above the ground, laurel leaf garlands of massive size, and festooned below the garlands of leaves are smaller garlands of flowers. At given points the garlands are ornamented with gilded discs with looped rope and tassels, and in the corner of each span directly over the center of the street immense trophies of the seal of the United States gilded. The diagonal festoons have at their intersection an immense white ball ornamented with looped garlands of greens, and studded with electric lamps. Each pylon is surmounted with across gilded basket filled with palms and artificial flowers, and all studded with electric lamps.

Wherever there is a garland or festoon there is also a line of electric lamps, so that at night, when the electricity is turned on, the general lines of the day decorations are preserved and illuminated. Wherever the American flag is used it is used legitimately, flying free to the wind or grouped in form of trophies. But the general color scheme of the entire composition is that of white and green, because natural green leaves and plants and white flowers have been used in greatest profusion. As a background for the brilliant streamers and flags, no better combination of colors is possible. From the Capitol to the Court of Honor, at least a mile and a half, intervals of about 100 feet, are festoons of electric lamps across the wide thoroughfare in the form of arches, which at night make Pennsylvania Avenue a veritable bower of light, and are finer than anything ever attempted in Washington at an inaugural period heretofore.

Entertaining Visitors.

The chairman of the inaugural committee on public comfort has issued the following statements:

"The arrangements made by the proper committee with the proprietors of hotels, boarding houses and the like will permit visitors to be charged exorbitant rates.

"A man or woman of moderate means may plan to spend three or four days in Washington during the inaugural period at a cost for lodgings and food of \$2 per day. Good lodgings in a private family or boarding

house may be had at \$1 a day during the inaugural period, while the meals will not cost more than an additional dollar. There are many moderate-priced lunch rooms and dining rooms in Washington, where meals will be served from 25 cents up. In private houses, lodgings and board can be obtained at \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 per day. These will be the ruling rates.

"And the owners have agreed in writing to abide by the rates quoted to the committee. The rate is usually based on a visit to Washington of four days, which will enable the ordinary visitor to see Washington properly after he or she has witnessed the greatest inaugural ceremonies ever held.

"Folks who stop at the hotels will find the ruling rate to be \$2 a day for room and board, American plan, and \$1 a day, European plan. These visitors who come here in parties of from two to four can make the best arrangements. Not all the quarters that have been registered at the headquarters of the public comfort committee will be taken. There will be many left over, and the competition will be too great to permit of gouging. There are still available quarters here for 10,000 members of military or civic organizations, while fully 25,000 more individuals can be accommodated with rooms and board from the registry of the committee, not to mention those places which are not registered. All the quarters entered at headquarters are rigidly examined by inspectors as to their cleanliness and sanitary condition.

"A public comfort station will be established in the union railroad station, where there will be a number of committees to give advice and directions to visitors. Cadets of the Washington High School, already in uniform, will serve as guides to direct strangers to their quarters already engaged, or to find places for those who come here taking a chance on finding a place to lay their heads."

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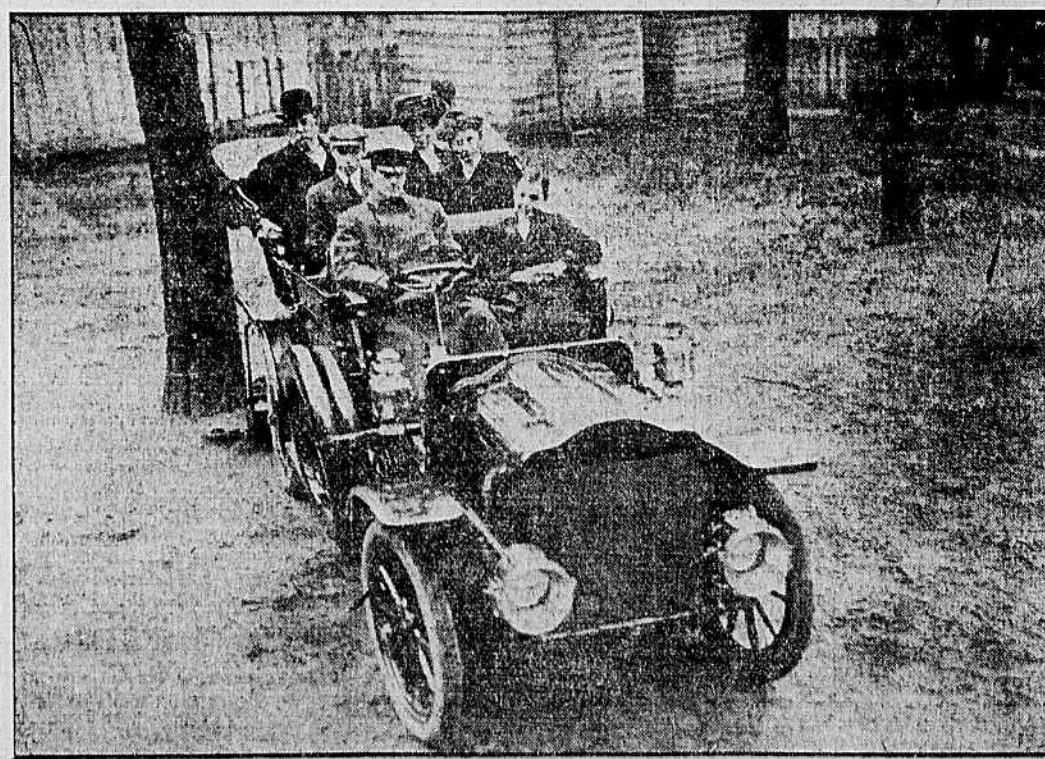
CARNIVAL ENDS IN RIOTS IN LISBON

Gruesome Scenes, Representing Assassination of King, Enacted in the Streets.

LISBON, Feb. 26.—(FRIDAY)—via the FRONTIER.—The carnival celebrations held in Lisbon this week resulted in a serious riot and a number of encounters with the police during which numerous people were more or less injured, and about 200 arrests were made. The precautions taken by the authorities were successful in preventing any demonstrations early in the month on the anniversary of the assassination of King Carlos and the crown prince, but the population took advantage of the carnival time to indulge in the manifestations they wanted to hold three weeks ago. The assassinations of Feb. 1, 1908, were repeatedly enacted at various points throughout Lisbon by persons made up to represent the late King Carlos and the crown prince, Queen Amelia, Prince Manuel and the regicides, S. Costa and Bulosa, as they were attired on the day of the tragedy, while other groups carrying coffins containing skeletons to represent King Carlos and the crown prince gave representations of the funeral procession to an accompaniment of blasphemous songs.

The police were completely taken by surprise, and when they attempted to stop the scandalous proceedings, the lower classes sided with the masqueraders and received them with volleys of stones. Women added the rioters by throwing water from windows. The police finally had to make free use of their revolvers and swords. They charged right and left, and a panic followed. The situation was such that the police could not control it, and troops had to be summoned. The crowd finally was cleared by the military, who made arrests wholesale.

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